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Two New Commissioners Appointed to the Board of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission

(NASHVILLE, TN -- July, 2004) –Governor Bredesen has appointed Gregory E. Lewis, Columbia, and Bishop Joseph W. Walker, III, Nashville, to the Board of Commissioners of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission.

Greg E. Lewis, a life long resident of Columbia, Tennessee, graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He returned to the family business, Maury Products, Inc., where he was involved in expanding the company's business relationships in the agricultural retail market, while serving as the company's president. In 1989, the company was nominated for the Governor's Industrial Excellence Award. Later, he established an international sales and marketing company that assisted US companies in doing business in China, India, and the developing countries of Eastern Europe.

Currently, he works as a consultant to manufacturers in developing new procedures in lean manufacturing and to assist them in remaining competitive in a world economy.

Bishop Joseph Walker, III, serves on the Boards of Directors for the Nashville Housing Fund and the Nashville Vanderbilt Club and is recognized as one of the 25 most influential African Americans in Nashville. He also serves as the Bishop

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of Evangelism for the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship and is the Pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Nashville, TN., the President and C.E.O. of Exodus Productions, Inc. and an adjunct professor of Religion at Tennessee State University.

Walker established the New Level CDC, a program committed to impacting the lives of low-and moderate-income families through housing and homeownership, as a Mount Zion outreach ministry. He is President of J.W. Walker Ministries, a non-profit organization that provides food weekly to those in need and sponsors a summer youth enrichment camp.

"These accomplished men have had profound effects, spiritually and economically, on the state and its citizens," said Spencer Wiggins, chairman of the Tennessee Board of Commissioners. "I'm confident that they will contribute greatly to the agency and its mission of ensuring equality in the workplaces and communities across the state."

The Tennessee Human Rights Commission is governed by a 15 member board of commissioners. The Commissioners, appointed on a nonpartisan basis, serve six year terms.

The commission's role, by means of enforcement and education, is to safeguard the citizens of Tennessee from discrimination in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodation in regard to race, creed, color, religion, sex, disability, age (over 40), national origin, and familial status.

For more information on the THRC, its role, policies or the laws that govern the agency, call 1-800-325-9664 or visit the agency's website at www.state.tn.us/humanrights/.